



# Transcript of Mark W. Pennak

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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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5 MARYLAND SHALL ISSUE, INC., et )  
6 al., )  
7 Plaintiffs, )  
8 -vs- ) No. 16-cv-3311-MJG  
9 LAWRENCE HOGAN, et al., )  
10 Defendants. )  
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13 DEPOSITION OF MARK W. PENNAK

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1 talk about whether or not they're  
2 training-exempt. You would have to talk about  
3 whether or not they have access to a trainer who  
4 has access to a range. You would have to talk  
5 about whether or not they already have a firearm  
6 that they can use or whether or not they have to  
7 borrow the firearm.

8 You would have to talk about the  
9 availability of a whole host of factors that go  
10 into satisfying each of the requirements set out  
11 in the statute and in State Police regulations,  
12 and that varies all over the map.

13 So to say that there is a range is very  
14 hard to do.

15 Q. Well, let's break it down. Let's talk  
16 about the training -- the live-fire training  
17 that's required in order to obtain a Maryland  
18 HQL.

19 As the designee of MSI, do you have a  
20 sense of how much that training typically costs?

21 A. I can tell you that I'm a member of the  
22 Izaak Walton League. The Izaak Walton League

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1 charges a minimum of \$75 to obtain the HQL as  
2 part of a class.

3 Q. You say a minimum of \$75?

4 A. Yes, I think that is their -- they have  
5 a fee schedule. I think it says \$75.

6 If there's a private instruction, it may  
7 well be more.

8 Q. Private instruction is not required, is  
9 it?

10 A. Required by who?

11 Q. In order to obtain an HQL.

12 A. As far as I know, the State Police do  
13 not require private instruction.

14 Q. So \$75 for the training.

15 Are there any other fee -- what about  
16 the fingerprinting fees? Do you have a sense of  
17 how much that costs in a typical HQL application?

18 A. That -- that varies between \$50 to \$69,  
19 in my experience.

20 Q. Are there any other fees that need to be  
21 paid in connection with an HQL application?

22 A. Well, there's the fee that you have to

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1           A.     MSI's membership grows and prospers by  
2     the exercise of these rights by law abiding  
3     citizens because, as they acquire handguns for  
4     the purposes of self-defense, they understand the  
5     need for representatives such as MSI to defend  
6     those rights in court proceedings, such as this  
7     one, and proceedings before the General Assembly  
8     and in proceedings before other administrative  
9     bodies, including the Handgun Review Board, and  
10    in informal discussions with representatives of  
11    Maryland State Police.

12           So, yes, the reality is that the more  
13    law abiding persons have handguns, the more  
14    likely they are to become members of MSI and to  
15    support MSI through contributions and volunteer  
16    efforts.

17           Q.    But, again, my question was: There's  
18    not anything in the HQL statute that prohibits  
19    MSI from promoting its point of view with respect  
20    to gun ownership?

21           A.    Asked and answered.

22           Q.    And your answer is..?